

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A performance information monitoring method using computers, wherein a first computer performs the steps of:

accepting information on a group relating to the first computer;

storing said accepted group information in a storage in the first computer;

accepting performance information sent from a second computer;

comparing performance information of the second computer previously stored in a storage with the performance information accepted from the second computer;

judging whether or not said second computer is included in the information of said group when finding a change in the performance information of the second computer based on the comparison result; and

transmitting an instruction to the second computer included in said group information to change a performance information collection interval according to said judgment result₁ [:]

~~displaying a host name of said second computer and a volume name of a volume managed by said second computer on a display of said first computer, based on information acquired from said second computer;~~

~~receiving information about a use state of the volume managed by said second computer from said second computer; and~~

~~displaying as highlighted the volume name and the host name of the volume on said display when the information of the use state of the volume corresponding to~~

~~said displayed volume name satisfies predetermined conditions,~~

wherein said performance information is monitored to detect an event of an input or output to or from a storage, and said instruction is made to shorten the performance information collection interval when a number of events of the detected input or output to or from the storage exceeds a prescribed threshold value, and

wherein said performance information is monitored to detect a presence or absence of a change in a capacity type information including at least one of a storage capacity, a storage used capacity, and a storage free capacity, and said instruction is made to enlarge the performance information collection interval when the absence of a change in the capacity type information is detected.

2. (canceled).

3. – 6. (canceled)

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. – 10. (canceled)